

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)

341148001US1

Application Number 09/815,393-Conf. #5450

Filed March 22, 2001

For SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BRACKETING AND REMOVING TISSUE

Art Unit 3731

Examiner J. R. Baxter

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110.00	\$55.00	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,530.00	\$765.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,080.00	\$1,040.00	\$ 1,040.00

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
 The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to
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I am the applicant/inventor.
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 33,904
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____

/Edward S. Hotchkiss/ October 22, 2004
 Signature Date
Edward S. Hotchkiss (206) 359-8000
 Typed or printed name Telephone Number

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below

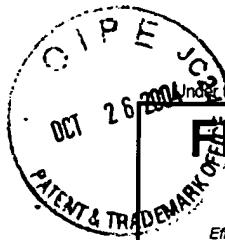
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FEET TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 490.00)

Complete if Known

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First Named Inventor	Steven C. Dimmer
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check Credit Card Money Order Other None
 Deposit Account:

 Deposit Account Number **50-0665**

 Deposit Account Name **Perkins Coie LLP**

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

 Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)					

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 490.00)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

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